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Toshio KOBAYASHI

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Official Action dated December 16, 2003 for 1 month from February 16, 2004 to March 16, 2004.

A credit card authorization form to cover the cost of the extension is attached. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No.: 07-1337.

Respectfully supmitted,

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